

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
MARCH 26, 1992

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 1992, at Southwest Community College, Summit.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers.

Members absent: Amos Bridges, Barbara Ricks, and George Walker.

Staff present: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Mac McClellan, and Carolyn Shorter.

CALL TO ORDER

Lanny Monroe, presiding officer, called the meeting to order.

PRELIMINARIES

Perrin Purvis gave the invocation.

Acknowledgment/Introductions

Lanny Monroe recognized the following guest: Sandra Nettles, McComb Enterprise, Cathy Hayden, Clarion Ledger, Bob Johnson, and President Horace Holmes.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the minutes of February 20, 1992. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board adopted the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's report included the following matters:

01. Reminder of the May 1 deadline for submitting to the Mississippi Ethics Commission a Statement of Economic Interest.
02. Reported that the lawsuit filed against the EdNet Board, MAET Board and others by RC Partners Limited, et al. was dismissed without prejudice and could possibly be reinstated.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

03. Announced that Perrin Purvis and Alton Bankston had been confirmed by the Senate as members of the Board.
04. Recommended that the Board review the Executive Summary of the Review of the State Department of Education's Internal Management and Operations and Oversight of District and Student Performance by the PEER staff.

It was pointed out that the PEER Committee made recommendations to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and others concerning priorities and controls. The Executive Director stated that the staff would prepare recommendations for a response and bring to the April Board meeting.

A discussion was held on whether or not the Board should set some timetable for a self-study or review.

05. Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, a motion made by Bob Breeden, duly seconded, and carried unanimously, authorized the staff to pen an appropriate resolution to express appreciation to Dr. Richard Thompson, State Superintendent of Education for his cooperation and professional manner in which he has served the state.

REPORTS/ACTION**Mississippi Association of Community/Junior Colleges**

Horace Holmes, president of Southwest Mississippi Community College, reported on the following matters considered in the March 24, 1992 Association meeting.

01. First, President Holmes commended the Board for conducting some of their meetings on various community college campuses and stated that the Board would always find a friendly welcome at Southwest.
02. The Association discussed promotional activities for observing Community and Junior College Month in April.
03. The Association heard a report from Dr. Muse on legislative matters, Kellogg Foundation grant application, and a proposal for an educational symposium in September or October.
04. The Presidents authorized the Association chairman to petition the Public Education Forum for MACJC representation.
05. The Association agreed to support Mississippi Humanities Council's grant proposal for Creating Opportunities to Investigate Community Life.

Mississippi Association of Community/Junior College Report
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06. The Association approved the recommendation of the MACJC choral directors to permit Wood Junior College, a private Methodist college, to participate in choral activities.
07. The Association held a lengthy discussion on recommendations of an Ad Hoc Athletic/Activities Committee.

Planning Committee Report

Nell Rogers reported that the committee discussed the NASA agreement and draft of this agreement would be ready for Board review in April. A discussion was also held on the Policy and Procedure Manual draft and that document would be ready for review in April or May.

Based on recommendations of the Planning Committee, the following Board actions were taken.

01. On a motion by Nell Rogers, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved a proposed membership list for the Regional Committee on Planning and Innovation and authorized the Executive Director to find a replacement for any proposed member declining to serve. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit 1)
02. On a motion by Nell Rogers, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Bill Edmonson to the Teacher and Administrator Education and Development Certification Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
03. On a motion by Nell Rogers, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Clarence Roberts, Evelyn Webb, Dr. Eddie Smith, and Dr. James Sones to the EdNet Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
04. On a motion by Nell Rogers, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Barry Mellinger and appointment of Dr. Vivian Presley to the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.
05. On a motion by Nell Rogers, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved a position statement on Restructuring Vocational Education. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit 2)

Finance Committee Report

Jeannet Boston, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that because of the lack of time, the Finance Committee did not meet and financial matters would be considered by the entire Board.

Finance Committee Report (continued)

01. Deborah Gilbert reviewed highlights of Coahoma Community College's financial report. The report is made part of these minutes as Exhibit 3. Pertinent to this report, Dr. Ray informed the Board that he and Barbara Ricks had a very positive meeting with Dr. McKinley Martin on March 15. In the meeting, Dr. Martin expressed concerns about issues being carried over into the new president's administration. The Executive Director acknowledged that Dr. Martin had a very long and distinguished service at Coahoma and in no way should Coahoma's bleak financial outlook detract from his departure.
02. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Perrin Purvis, the Board approved the April disbursements for Funds 2290, 2292, 2293, and 2294. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit 4).
03. As a matter of information, Deborah Gilbert presented an administration financial statement for February 29, 1992. (Exhibit 5).
04. At this time, Deborah Gilbert reviewed Northwest Community College's financial report. This report was in response to the Board's request for additional information on Northwest's financial outlook for FY 92. The report cited various ways in which Northwest had made budget reductions because of the statewide 5% budget cut.

Northwest also reported that a final report on an investigation initiated by the State Audit Department on January 7 and completed on March 6 had not been released to the college. (Exhibit 6)

05. Deborah Gilbert reported that the state office received recently a revised legislative budget office recommendation of \$64,426,202 for support and \$344,528 for administration, and also the Governor's recommendation of \$65,000,000 for support and \$277,093 for administration.
06. A Community College Critical Needs list was distributed to the Board.

Legislative Committee Report

Bob Breeden, chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave a status report on pending legislative bills and informed the Board of the committee's position on the following bills.

Support: House Bills 1023, 1199, 1236, and 1394
Senate Bills 2640, 2683, and 2047

No Position: House Bills 1394, 1442, 1450

Withdraw Support: S. B. 2009

Legislative Committee Report (continued)

On the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and on a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board approved the Legislative Committee's position as the Board's position. Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of Bob Breeden, Dr. Ray informed the Board that the the Public Education Forum had initiated an effort to bring about an increase in revenue for state programs. The Forum's Executive Committee on March 24 adopted a resolution to extend current sales tax statutes one cent. Dr. Ray recommended that the Board join the Forum in endorsing the resolution.

Based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and the Executive Director, a motion was offered by Bob Breeden seconded by Nell Rogers, to endorse the Forum's resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit 7)

EdNet Report

Paul Breazeale reported that the EdNet Board had not met since the last meeting on February 14. Mr. Breazeale stated that Governor Fordice had designated Dr. Jeanne Forrester as representative to the EdNet Board and the Attorney General had designated Frank Spencer as representative.

Travel Authorization

No additional requests for travel reimbursement other than the regular Board meeting were made.

Election of Officers

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board elected Lanny Monroe as chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Paul Breazeale, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board elected Bob Breeden as vice chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

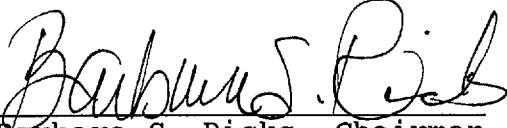
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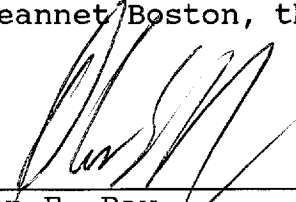
Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted to hold its next regular meeting on April 23. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board voted to hold its July 16 meeting on the coast. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Barbara S. Ricks, Chairman


Olen E. Ray
Executive Director